GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2390
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2007
PENDING RAIL LINES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware of the long delay in the execution of some of the doubling, gauge conversion, electrification and new line projects pertaining to Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any assistance for funds from external sources has been sought to expedite the pending projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the pending projects are likely to be completed ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2390 BY SHRI M. APPADURAI & SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2007 REGARDING PENDING RAIL LINES IN TAMIL NADU

(a) & (b): The gestation period of projects has prolonged primarily due to constraints of resources and contractor`s failure. The progress of Bangalore-Satyamangalam & Karur-Salem new lines and Irugur-Coimbatore doubling project is affected due to litigation/delay in land acquisition, forestry clearances etc.

(c) & (d): A number of initiatives has been taken for generating additional resources through Public/Private partnership, cost sharing by State Government, Funding through Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Finance for National Projects. Funds have also been allocated through internal resource generation to expedite completion.

(e): 371 Kms of gauge conversion and 94 Kms of doubling are targeted for completion during 2007-08. Balance works would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.